

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

MORGAN PHILIPPI,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No. CIV 13-1201 CG/KBM

UNITEDHEALTHCARE INSURANCE CO.,

Defendant.

INITIAL SCHEDULING ORDER

This cause is assigned to me for scheduling, case management, discovery and other non-dispositive motions. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as amended, as well as the Local Rules of the Court will apply to this lawsuit.

The parties, appearing through counsel or *pro se*, will “meet and confer” no later than **Thursday, January 16, 2014**, to formulate a provisional discovery plan. FED. R. CIV. P. 26(f). The time allowed for discovery is generally 120 to 150 days. The parties will cooperate in preparing a *Joint Status Report and Provisional Discovery Plan* (“JSR”) which follows the sample JSR available at the Court’s web site.¹ The blanks for suggested/proposed dates are to be filled in by the parties. Actual dates will be promulgated by order of the court shortly after entry of the JSR. Plaintiff, or Defendant in removed cases, is responsible for filing the JSR by **Thursday, January 23, 2014**.

Good cause must be shown and the Court’s express and written approval obtained for any modification of the dates in the scheduling order that issue from the JSR.

¹ Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 06-173, the JSR replaces and supersedes the Provisional Discovery Plan and the Initial Pretrial Report, effective January 2, 2007. Please visit the Court’s web site, www.nmcourt.fed.us to download the standardized *Joint Status Report and Provisional Discovery Plan* form.

Initial disclosures under FED. R. CIV. P. 26(a)(1) shall be made within fourteen (14) days of the meet-and-confer session.

A Rule 16 scheduling conference will be conducted by telephone on **Thursday, January 30, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.**² **Counsel shall call the following telephone number to be connected to the conference: (505) 348-2353.**

At the Rule 16 scheduling conference, counsel will be prepared to discuss discovery needs and scheduling, all claims and defenses, the use of scientific evidence and whether a *Daubert*³ hearing is needed, initial disclosures, and the time of expert disclosures and reports under FED. R. CIV. P. 26(a)(2). We will also discuss settlement prospects and alternative dispute resolution possibilities and consideration of consent pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). Client attendance is not required. If service on all parties is not complete, plaintiff(s) appearing through counsel or *pro se*, is (are) responsible for notifying all parties of the content of this order.

Pre-trial practice in this cause shall be in accordance with the foregoing.


UNITED STATES CHIEF MAGISTRATE JUDGE

² If you wish to appear in person, please advise my chambers at least 48 hours prior to the scheduling conference. If appearing in person, please appear in my chambers, Suite 730, Pete V. Domenici United States Courthouse, 333 Lomas Blvd., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

³ *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals*, 509 U. S. 579 (1993).